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OF THE TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE TOWN OF



**CHATHAM**  
NEW HAMPSHIRE



**For the Fiscal Year Ending February 15**

**1917**

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Ending February 15, 1917.

### TOWN VALUATION.

Number of polls, 77.	
Resident valuation,	\$ 79,505.00
Non-resident valuation,	134,130.00
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Total valuation,	\$213,635.00

### MONEY RAISED AND ASSESSED.

Expenses of town,	\$1,400.00
Support of schools,	1,200.00
Tuition of high school scholars,	100.00
State tax,	330.00
County tax,	275.00
Overlay on assessment,	53.52
Rate of taxation, \$1.50 per \$100.00.	
Poll tax, \$2.00.	

### SCHOOL MONEY.

Raised by town,	\$1,200.00
High school tuition,	100.00
Dog tax for 1915,	18.00
Proportion school fund,	82.50
Literary fund,	29.67
Savings bank tax,	4.77

### ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS, 1916.

To J. L. Chandler, Treasurer of Schools.	
June 9, 1916,	\$300.00
June 9, 1916,	300.00
Nov. 9, 1916,	300.00
Nov. 9, 1916,	300.00
Feb. 15, 1917,	134.94

## ORDERS DRAWN FOR CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

M. O. Charles, percentage in full for the year 1915,	\$ 17.28
Edson C. Eastman, for books and blanks,	2.67
Richard F. Chandler, paying for town reports,	19.80
Edwin L. McKeen, for payment of Fife tax,	16.42
Olin R. Hanscom, one trip to Fryeburg after road machine,	4.00
M. O. Charles, percentage for collecting,	20.00
Olin R. Hanscom, payment for road machine,	254.80
W. P. McKeen, services as supervisor of check lists, 1916,	5.00
M. O. Charles, part payment collecting, 1916,	25.48
Chester C. Eastman, services as Town Clerk, and reporting marriages, births and deaths,	15.00
Willis C. Bryant, services as supervisor of checklist, 1915-1916,	12.00
W. P. Chandler, services as Treasurer, 1916,	20.00
M. O. Charles, abatement of Harold Eastman tax,	2.00
M. O. Charles, abatement of Ephraim Bryant poll tax,	2.00
M. O. Charles, abatement of Harry D. McElroy poll tax,	2.00
Richard F. Chandler, services as selectman, 1916,	35.00
Olin R. Hanscom, services as selectman, 1916,	25.00
Rufus C. Flint, services as selectman, 1915,	15.00
Seavey & Hill, woven wire for fence on Frank Pickering road,	7.00
Madison O. Charles, Forest Product Co. tax, 1915,	143.99
George Guptill, care of town hall, 1915,	3.00
Lyman Meader, for use of road scraper,	1.00
Chas. S. Chandler, services as supervisor of checklist, 1915-1916, and checklist blanks,	10.00
George Guptill, care of town hall, 1916,	3.00
Bert Emery, for loss on creature hurt on bridge,	25.00
George Shaw, for loss on creature hurt on bridge,	15.00
Hubert Quincy, for loss on creature hurt on bridge,	5.00
Seth Hanscom, maintaining watering trough, 1916,	3.00

## ORDERS DRAWN FOR BOUNTY ON BEARS AND HEDGEHOGS.

Merton Charles, bounty on 2 hedgehogs,	\$ .40
Ernest Andrew, bounty on 18 hedgehogs,	3.60
Luke Wiggin, bounty on 4 hedgehogs,	.80
R. C. Flint, paying bounty on 38 hedgehogs,	7.60
Olin R. Hanscom, paying bounty on 23 hedgehogs,	4.60
Richard F. Chandler, paying bounty on 18 hedgehogs,	3.60
Virgil W. Emerson, bounty on one bear,	5.00
Ernest Andrews, bounty on one bear,	5.00
Edward Johnson, bounty on one bear,	5.00



## ORDERS DRAWN FOR STATE ROAD, 1916.

Richard F. Chandler, 26 days $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, horses 16 days, 5½ hours' work,	\$98.36
Seth Webb, 22 days 8½ hours, horses 22 days 1½ hours,	89.55
Rufus C. Flint, 19 days 6½ hours, self,	39.44
Edwin S. Lang, 6 days 6 hours, self,	13.33
Edwin Johnson, 34 days 6½ hours, self,	69.44
Alvin Head, 15 days 8½ hours, self,	31.88
Perley R. Head, 16 days 3½ hours, self and horses,	65.54
George Anderson, 19 days 4½ hours, horses 15 days 4 hours,	69.88
Leon T. Hill, 14 days 8 hours, self and horses,	59.56
Henry Stiles, 24 days 2½ hours, self,	48.55
Frank Pickering, 12 days 4½ hours, self,	37.50
Fred Pickering, 5 days 6 hours, self,	12.75
Preston Chandler, 20 days $\frac{1}{2}$ hour,	45.12
John A. Stiles, 1 day, self and horses,	4.00
Clinton D. Sanborn, 1 day, self,	2.00
George D. Leavitt, 8½ days, self,	25.50
H. L. Hutchins, dynamite and fuse,	7.96
Bert Smith, cement, 4 bags,	3.20
George Guptill, 4 days 4½ hours, self,	9.00
Leon T. Hill, cable chain lost on state road,	3.50

ORDERS DRAWN FOR HIGHWAY WORK ON  
ROBBINS' HILL.

Richard F. Chandler, 10 days 7½ hours, horses 9 days 6 hours,	\$46.40
Rufus C. Flint, 10 days 5 hours, self,	21.11
Henry Stiles, 8 days 5 hours, self,	17.11
George Guptill, 9 days 2 hours, horses 6 days 6 hours,	31.77
Seth Webb, 10 days 5 hours, horses 9 days 5 hours,	40.22
Edwin Johnson, 2 days 8 hours, self,	5.89
Clinton Sanborn, 8 days 6 hours, self,	17.33
John A. Stiles, 4 days 6 hours, self,	9.33
Preston Chandler, 7 days, self,	14.00
Fred Eaton, fifty loads of gravel,	5.00

## ORDERS DRAWN FOR WINTER 1916, AFTER FEB. 15.

M. J. Smith, 2 trips on roller,	\$ 7.00
J. L. Chandler, 2 trips on roller,	7.00
W. P. Chandler, 2 trips on roller,	7.00
Harry Chandler, 1 trip on roller,	3.50
Preston Chandler, 1 trip on roller,	3.50
Seth Hanscom, 2 trips on roller,	7.00
Perley Head, 2 trips on roller, self and 4 horses, and shoveling snow,	18.50
Dana Weeks, 2 trips on roller,	7.00
Leon T. Hill, 1 trip on roller,	3.50

ORDERS DRAWN FOR HIGHWAY 1915, AFTER  
FEB. 15, 1916.

Samuel Evans, 900 feet of pine for stringers at \$8.00 per M,	\$7.20
Charles Day, stone on Robbins' Hill,	5.00



## REPORT OF ROAD AGENT.

## ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUMMER ON TOWN ROAD, 1916

Everett Eastman, self and horses, 7 hours,	\$ 1.54
Preston Chandler, self and horses, 17 days 3 hours,	44.29
Preston Chandler, housing roller and dynamite,	2.18
Merton A. Charles, self, 3 days,	6.00
George Guptill, self and horses, 15 days 1 hour,	30.22
Richard F. Chandler, self and horses, 11 days 2 hours,	22.44
Edwin L. McKeen, self and horses, 1 day,	4.00
Merritt Smith, self and horses, 2 days 5 hours,	10.22
Lucien K. Stiles, self, 1 day 2 hours,	2.44
Orlando Allard, self, 1 day 4½ hours,	3.00
Orlando Allard, housing roller,	.75
Chester C. Eastman, self and horses, 7 hours,	1.55
Seth Webb, self and horses, 15 days,	30.00
Edward H. Johnson, self, 8 days,	16.00
Henry Stiles, self, 2 days 4 hours,	4.88
John A. Stiles, self, 1 day 4 hours, horses, 1 day,	4.88
Clinton Sanborn, self, 1 day 2 hours,	2.44
Olin Hanscom, self and horses, 4 days 6 hours,	9.33
Hazen Chandler, self, 5 hours,	1.11
Dana Hill, self, 4 hours,	.88
Edwin S. Lang, self, 1 day,	2.00
Walter P. McKeen, self and horses, 4 hours,	.88
Seth Webb, oil and oiling roller,	2.50
Robert K. Eastman, oil and oiling roller,	3.00
Preston Chandler, self and horses, 9 days 2 hours,	23.05
John A. Stiles, self and horses, 1 day,	4.00
James A. Weeks, self, 4½ hours,	1.00
Perley Head, housing roller and bridge plank,	3.00
George Guptill, self and horses, 2 days 3 hours,	8.69
Richard Chandler, self, 1 day 5 hours,	3.11
Merton A. Charles, self, 2 days 7 hours,	5.56
Morrill P. Jewell, self, 7 hours,	1.56
Samuel Bryant, self, 7 hours,	1.56
Mrs. Winnie Hanscom, 2 chains,	1.50
Wellington Chandler, self and horses, 1 day,	4.00
Fred Meader, self and horses, 3 days 3½ hours,	6.77
Seth Hanscom, bridge stringers,	3.50
I. C. F. Wiggins, self, 2 days 6 hours,	5.33
Walter P. McKeen, self and horses, 6 hours,	1.33
Seth Webb, self and horses, 1 day,	4.00
Lucien K. Stiles, self, 5 hours,	1.11
Madison O. Charles, self, 2 days 7 hours,	5.56

Total for summer,

\$291.16

## ORDERS DRAWN FOR WINTER, ENDING FEB. 15, 1917

Seth Webb, 6 trips on roller and shoveling,	\$24.11
Dana A. Weeks, 8 trips on roller, bolts and shoveling,	29.91
George Anderson, 8 trips on roller,	28.00
Leon Hill, 1 trip on roller,	3.50
George Hill, 1 trip on roller,	3.50
Olin Hanscom, 6 trips on roller and shoveling,	21.67
Morrill P. Jewell, 6 trips on roller and shoveling,	21.67
Frank Harriman, 6 trips on roller and shoveling,	21.67
Richard Chandler, 3 trips on roller and shoveling,	10.72
John L. Chandler, 5 trips on roller, shoveling and breaking roads,	19.05
Wellington P. Chandler, 5 trips on roller and breaking road,	18.35
Preston Chandler, 2 trips on roller and shoveling,	8.00
Total for winter,	\$210.18
Total for summer,	291.16
Total,	\$501.34

## ORDERS DRAWN FOR MAINTAINING STATE ROAD

Preston Chandler, self and horses, 15 days 7 hours,	\$36.71
Morrill P. Jewell, self and horses, 13 days 8½ hours,	27.88
Richard F. Chandler, self and horses, 8 days 8 hours,	17.78
Seth Webb, self and horses, 7 days 8 hours,	15.78
Edwin H. Johnson, self, 2 days 5 hours,	5.11
Clinton Sanborn, self, 1 day,	2.00
Wellington P. Chandler, self, 2 days,	4.00
Merton A. Charles, self, 2 days,	4.00
Lucien K. Stiles, self, 4 days, 5 hours,	9.11
Seth Hanscom, self and horses, 2 days,	8.00
Rufus Flint, self, 4½ hours,	1.00
Olin Hanscom, self and horses, 13 hours,	2.88
I. C. F. Wiggins, self, 13 days,	26.00
Leon Hill, self and horses, 1 day,	4.00
Henry Stiles, self, 1 day,	2.00
Alvin Head, self, 1 day,	2.00
Perley Head, self and horses, 1 day,	4.00
Harry M. Chandler, self, 5 hours,	1.11
George Guptill, self and horses, 2 days,	8.00
Walter P. McKeen, self, 8 hours,	1.78
1 Austin road machine blade,	8.00
1-set bolts for road machine blade,	.50



Preston Chandler, self and horses, 32 days 8 hours,	77.38
Frank Harriman, self and horses, 11 days,	22.00
Louville Emerson, self and horses, 10 days,	20.00
Morrill P. Jewell, self and horses, 13 days 8 hours,	27.78
Merton Charles, self, 7 days,	14.00
Lucien K. Stiles, self, 7 days 6 hours,	15.33
Richard F. Chandler, self and horses, 25 days 7 hours,	51.55
Clinton Sanborn, self, 10 days,	20.00
Harry M. Chandler, self and horses, 4 days,	8.00
George Guptill, self and horses, 21 days 5 hours,	43.10
Merrett J. Smith, self and horses, 6 days,	12.00
Chester C. Eastman, self and horses, 3 days 7 hours,	7.56
Edwin L. McKeen, self and horses, 4 days,	8.00
Robert K. Eastman, 303 loads gravel at .05 a load,	15.15
Seth Webb, self and horses, 6 days 8 hours,	13.78
Edward H. Johnson, self, 3 days 4 hours,	6.89
I. C. F. Wiggins, self, 5 days 4 hours,	10.89
Olin Hanscom, self and horses, 13 days 4 hours,	26.88
Hazen Chandler, self, 4 hours,	.89
Leon Hill, self and horses, 8 hours,	1.78
George Leavitt, self, 1 day,	3.00
Perley Head, self and horses, 1 day,	4.00
Alvin Head, self and horses, 1 day,	4.00
Edwin S. Lang, self, 1 day,	2.00
Dana A. Weeks, self, 2 days 3 hours,	4.66
Henry Stiles, self, 1 day,	2.00
George Leavitt, stone,	.50
John A. Stiles, self, 1 day,	2.00
Loren Eastman, work on drags,	7.60
H. L. Hutchins, cable, a steel for drags,	14.80

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Total for state road, \$639.16

Respectfully submitted,

PRESTON CHANDLER, *Road Agent.*

We hereby certify that orders have been drawn to Preston Chandler, road agent for 1916, as follows:

Total amount of orders drawn for summer, town road,	\$291.16
Total amount of orders drawn for winter,	210.18

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Total for summer and winter, \$501.34

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Amount of orders drawn for maintaining state road, \$639.16

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Total amount expended by road agent, \$1,140.50

RICHARD F. CHANDLER,

OLIN R. HANSCOM,

*Selectmen of Chatham.*

## FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

DR.

Outstanding orders,	\$511.66	
Bills not presented, estimated,	120.00	
	<hr/>	\$631.66

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Due from collector, 1916,	\$441.26	
Cash in treasury,	130.26	
Due from state, bounty on 8 hedgehogs,	1.60	
	<hr/>	\$573.12
Net debt of town,		<hr/> \$58.54

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD F. CHANDLER,  
OLIN R. HANSCOM,

*Selectmen of Chatham.*



## REPORT OF SELECTMEN. IN ACCOUNT WITH

TREASURER, 1916.

DR.

1916.

Feb. 15.	Cash in treasury,	\$ 379.51
15.	Due from Collector,	314.00
Apr. 28.	To assessments of taxes for 1916,	3,358.52
June 12.	Check from State, maintenance money,	129.04
Aug. 8.	Check from State, maintenance money,	93.00
Aug. 18.	Check from State, maintenance money,	42.72
Oct. 7.	Check from State, maintenance money,	42.72
Nov. 7.	Check from State, maintenance money,	16.60
28.	Check from State, maintenance money,	63.72
Dec. 4.	Savings bank tax,	4.77
4.	Literary fund,	29.67
4.	Proportion of School fund,	82.50
21.	Highway Department Appropriation check,	403.20
21.	Highway Department Maintenance State Aid check,	100.00
21.	Check from H. C. Bemis for land bought of Forest Product Co.,	15.60

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Jan. 6.	Check from George B. James for Forest Products Co. tax, 1914-1915, and interest on same,	322.15
6.	Check from George B. James, for interest on tax,	1.62
22.	Check for bounty on bears and hedgehogs,	35.60
Feb. 14.	Check from Geo. O. Warren for use of derrick,	12.00
14.	Dog license, 1916,	18.00
14.	Interest on deposits,	8.54

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Total charge against Treasurer (1916), \$5,473.48

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Feb. 15.	By orders paid,	\$4,901.96
15.	Due from Collector,	441.26
15.	Cash in treasury,	130.26

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Total credit, \$5,473.48

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

To assessment for 1916,	\$3,358.52
Cash in treasury,	379.51
Due from Collector for 1915,	314.00
Checks from State Treasurer, highway department, (maintenance State Aid road),	487.80
Check from State Treasurer, highway department, (Appropriation),	403.20
Savings Bank tax,	4.77
State Literary fund,	29.67
Proportion of State School fund,	82.50
Tax on Gordon lot from H. C. Bemis,	15.60
The Geo. B. James tax,	323.77
Check from State Treasurer, bounties on bears and hedgehogs,	35.60
Cash from Town Clerk for dog licenses,	18.00
Interest on deposits,	8.54
Check from Selectmen for use of derrick,	12.00
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	\$5,473.48

CR.

By Cash paid by orders of Selectmen,	\$4,296.96
Cash paid State and County Treasurers,	605.00
Due from Collector for 1916,	441.26
Cash in treasury,	130.26
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	\$5,473.48

Respectfully submitted,

WELLINGTON P. CHANDLER,

*Treasurer.*

Feb. 15, 1917.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer and find them properly balanced and correct, to the best of my belief.

HARRY M. CHANDLER,

*Auditor.*



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN CHATHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
FEBRUARY 15TH, 1917.

May 16th, in Fryeburg, Me., by Rev. Baman N. Stone, Earl C. Bell of Fryeburg and Gladys V. Charles of Chatham.

Sept. 24th, in Chatham, by Chester C. Eastman, J. P., Benjamin Harrison Day of Hiram, Me., and Christine Augusta Smith of Stone, Me.

Oct. 11th, in North Conway, N. H., by Rev. William J. Seelye, Roger M. Emerson of Chatham and Bernice M. Bishop of Conway, N. H.

Oct. 23rd, in Fryeburg, Me., by Rev. Baman N. Stone, John Stearns of Fryeburg and Myrtle E. Lebroke of Chatham.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN CHATHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
FEBRUARY 15TH, 1917.

Nov. 28th, to Ernest A. and Jennie Andrews, a daughter.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN CHATHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
FEBRUARY 15TH, 1917.

Mar. 19th, James A. Brickett, aged 66 yrs. 3 days.

Sept. 28th, William Spencer, aged 81 yrs. 8 mos. 15 days.

Oct. 9th, Mary A. Fife, aged 75 yrs. 11 mos. 12 days.

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHESTER C. EASTMAN,  
*Town Clerk.*

## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

## DISTRICT No. 1.

There has been no school in District No. 1.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

Spring term, taught by Miss Scripter,	\$80.00
Fall term, taught by Miss Lena Farrington,	80.00
Winter term, taught by Miss Lena Farrington,	80.00
R. C. Flint, conveying scholars, spring term,	40.00
R. C. Flint, conveying scholars, fall term,	40.00
R. C. Flint, conveying scholars, winter term,	40.00
Bert Styles, cleaning chimney,	2.00
George Hill, cord wood,	2.00
Henry Styles, cord wood,	8.00
Seth Webb, cord wood,	2.25

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\$374.25

## DISTRICT No. 3.

Spring term, taught by Miss Cecil Scripter,	\$80.00
Fall term, taught by Dana Farrington,	80.00
Winter term, taught by Dana Farrington,	80.00
Willis Bryant, 5 cord 2 feet wood,	12.50
Willis Bryant, kindling wood, \$1.50 ; broom, \$ .50,	2.00
Stove pipe, etc.,	3.60

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\$258.10

## DISTRICT No. 4.

Spring term, taught by Miss Susie Charles,	\$90.00
Fall term, taught by Miss L. Chandler, 9 weeks,	72.00
Winter term, taught by Miss L. Chandler, 11 weeks,	88.00
C. C. Eastman, 4 cords wood,	10.00
R. K. Eastman, cleaning schoolhouse,	3.00
Janitor service,	3.00

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\$266.00

## DISTRICT No. 5.

Spring term, taught by Miss Edna McKeen,	80.00
Fall term, taught by Miss Edna McKeen,	80.00
Winter term, taught by Miss Edna McKeen,	80.00
M. O. Charles, 3 cords wood,	7.50
Carrie E. Charles, cleaning schoolhouse,	3.00
Janitor service,	3.00

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\$253.50



## DISBURSEMENTS.

District No. 2,	\$374.25
District No. 3,	258.10
District No. 4,	266.00
District No. 5,	253.50
Academy and High School tuition,	102.00
Books,	23.37
Supplies, cartage, etc.,	14.75
R. C. Flint, service on School Board,	15.00
Willis Bryant, service on School Board,	8.00
Harry Chandler, service on School Board,	8.00
John L. Chandler, service as Treasurer,	5.00
John L. Chandler, postage,	.63
R. C. Flint, postage, telegrams, cartage,	2.00
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	\$1,330.60

Funds available for Schools, 1916,	\$1,541.16
Town raised,	\$1,200.00
Received from State,	124.94
For tuition,	100.00
Dog tax,	18.00
Left from last year,	98.22
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	\$1,541.16

Balance left for Schools, \$210.56

R. C. FLINT,  
 WILLIS BRYANT,  
 HARRY CHANDLER,  
*School Board.*







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